

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 4-8, as amended, remain herein. Claims 1 and 3 are cancelled.

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging that claims 7 and 8 are allowed and claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 4 has been so rewritten.

Claims 2, 5 and 6 have been amended to depend from now-allowable claim 4. Thus, all claims 2 and 4-8 are allowable.

1. Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Murayama U.S. Patent 6,118,295 and Ozeki U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/0146378. Although applicants believe that claims 1 and 3 were patentable over the cited references, the claims have been cancelled, mooting the rejection.

2. Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Murayama, Ozeki, and Dancy U.S. Patent 6,577,109. Claim 2 has been amended to depend from now-allowable claim 4, mooting the rejection.

3. Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Murayama, Ozeki, and Massi U.S. Patent 6,271,650. As discussed above, claims 5 and 6 have been amended to depend from now-allowable claim 4, mooting the rejection.

Accordingly, all claims 2 and 4-8 are now fully in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge/credit

any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293. If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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